



ROSS HIGH PARENT COUNCIL

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Dear Parent / Carer (Parents Forum Member)

The year saw the school reach the milestone of its 60th anniversary. Events to mark this included pupils who were enrolled in its first year, gathering for an emotional reunion visit as guests of the school. A fantastic formal meal was held, with the assembly hall transformed into a high class eatery, attended by former staff and pupils and the wider community.

The Independence referendum was a hot topic within the school community due to some pupils being able to vote for the first time. They showed a great deal of maturity and understanding of the issues when they represented themselves and the school well during live national news broadcasts on the subject.

The Parent Council would like to record its thanks to Head Teacher Paul Reynolds and his Senior Management Team as they continue to lead improvement in a period of ongoing curricular change, as well as to our local councillors who have continued strong support of the school and representative attendance at our meetings during the year.

Our regular Parent Council meetings have had wide and varied discussions over the year including:

- Staffing – A number of very committed staff reached well deserved retirement during the year - our thanks for their years of dedication is deserved. Recruiting and maintaining the best staff possible within current budgets continues to be critical to the experience and outcomes for Ross High youngsters.
- Attainment – The Parent Council continues to support the core aim of raising of attainment. The years Higher results show the commitment and hard work of pupils and staff is being rewarded. This has led to a significant increase in numbers studying Advanced Highers which is very positive, but will have ongoing implications on resources.
- School Uniform – After consultation with pupils and parents extending the wearing of School blazers to S1-S3 was agreed to be introduced in the new session.
- School Roll – Discussions around the potential challenges and opportunities associated with predicted continuing increase of pupil numbers.

- Reporting - Management continue to explore further change and improvement to the timing and content of pupil tracking reports sent to parents and carers.
- Academies Programme – School will continue to promote and participate in the programme.
- Preparing Pupils – Discussions around how to provide the best and most expansive opportunities for learning and achievement for all pupils within the diverse school community often featured. The outstanding 'Positive Destination' figure of 96% for school leavers demonstrates real success.

Parent Council meetings take place on the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the School Meeting Room.

All parents / carers are welcome to attend meetings or ask any Parent Council member to raise issues that affect the wider school. Details of members, agendas & minutes can be found at:

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James Belton (Chair)

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